

Historic Sites

The location of historic sites in Pamlico County was investigated to determine the possible impacts of the various projects studied. The federal government has issued guidelines requiring all State Transportation Departments to make special efforts to preserve historic sites. In addition, the State of North Carolina has issued its own guidelines for the preservation of historic sites. These two pieces of legislation are described below:

National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106 of this act requires the Department of Transportation to identify historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and properties eligible to be listed. The DOT must consider the impact of its road projects on these properties and consult with the Federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

NC General Statute 121-12(a) - This statute requires the DOT to identify historic properties listed on the National Register, but not necessarily those eligible to be listed. DOT must consider impacts and consult with the North Carolina Historical Commission, but it is not bound by their recommendations.

There is currently one property in Pamlico County that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and three properties listed on the State Studies List. None of these properties will be affected by the projects proposed on the thoroughfare plan. However, care should be taken to make certain that all historic sites and natural settings are preserved. Therefore, a closer study should be done in regard to the local historic sites prior to the construction of any proposal.

Other Environmental Concerns

There are two environmental factors that must be considered in regards to the widening of NC 55 and SR 1005.

Parts of Upper Broad Creek, Beard Creek, Dawson Creek, Kershaw Creek, Smith Creek, and Trent Creek are anadromous fish spawning areas. Anadromous fish live in salt water, but swim upstream to fresh water areas to spawn. Typically, a moratorium on construction in these areas is recommended between January and May of each year so as not to hinder the spawning process. The widening of both NC 55 and SR 1005 may require special consideration due to the fact that both roadways cross anadromous fish spawning areas. See Figure 7B for the locations of the anadromous fish spawning areas.

In addition, A Potential High Quality Water Zone is located in the southern portion of the proposed NC 55 widening near